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Mary Riley Styles Public Library Awarded Certificate of Carpet Reclamation Old Carpet Recycled; Pollution Diverted

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The Mary Riley Styles Public Library was presented an award by Commercial Carpets of America (CCA) for its participation in CCA's Environmental Impact and Reclamation Program. CCA replaced the Library's carpet in December 2006 using "green practices." The old carpet was recycled and the new carpet is made from recycled materials.

The carpet replacement project resulted in a beneficial impact on the environment:

- 18,270 square feet diverted from landfill
- 45 cubic yards of landfill saved
- 63,872 pounds of global warming potential (CO₂) averted
- 27,862 gallons of water saved

The above savings are enough to supply energy to one average U.S. home for one year.

"The Library is committed to recycling and protecting the environment; that was witnessed recently when the old carpet was recycled and replaced with partially recycled materials," said Library Director Mary McMahon. "We selected a Virginia-based carpet manufacturer, which reduced the amount of transportation pollutants. That just added to the energy savings. The lovely new carpet is the icing to this cake!"

For more information on the City's commitment to the environment, visit www.fallschurchva.gov or call 703-248-5003 (TTY 711).

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Note: Pictured left to right: Ralph Yatsko, Environmental Services Council chair; Ralph Grove, CCA; Kathy Allan, Environmental Programs Specialist; Mary McMahon, Library Director; Steve Wilson, Environmental Services Project Coordinator; Scott Averys, CCA. Photo credit: City of Falls Church.

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